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Maritza Gutierrez, President CREATIVE IDEAS ADVERTISING, INC. 604 Majorca Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: <u>INQ 10-143</u>

Doing Business with the County as a Board Member of Independent Agencies

Dear Ms. Gutierrez:

In correspondence to our office on August 5, 2010, you said that you wish to do business with the County through your privately owned company, CREATIVE IDEAS ADVERTISING, INC.

You asked if any ethics conflicts prevented you from contracting with the County based on your volunteer board membership positions with the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Miami-Dade County Expressway Authority (MDX).

Both boards are independent agencies created under Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission has no jurisdiction over the MPO or the MDX. Ethics issues related to these agencies should be addressed to the State Ethics Commission.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

VICTORIA FRIGO Staff Attorney